

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently amended) A method of searching for a help utility, comprising the steps of:
 providing a utility search dialog;
 inputting search keywords directed to one of a plurality of help utilities;
 searching a one or more databases of a plurality of help utilities;
 finding a help utility matching the keywords; and
 executing the help utility.
 2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 determining whether more than one help utility is found matching the keywords;
 displaying all help utilities found to match the keywords; and
 selecting one of all help utilities found to match keywords.
 3. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 if after the step of searching a one or more databases of a plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords, then providing the utility search dialog;
 inputting additional keywords directed to one of the plurality of help utilities; and
 searching the one or more databases of a plurality of help utilities.
 4. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 if after the step of searching a one or more databases of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords but a related help utility is found, then displaying the related help utility; and
 invoking the related help utility.
~~inputting additional keywords directed to one of the plurality of help utilities;~~
~~searching the database of a plurality of help utilities.~~
 5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, whereby the plurality of help utilities includes help utilities provided by a computer operating system.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, whereby the plurality of help utilities includes help utilities provided by a computer software application.
7. (Original) The method of Claim 4, wherein the interactive help utility is a wizard.
8. (Original) The method of Claim 4, wherein the interactive help utility is a help file.
- a' 9. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, whereby the search ~~terms~~ keywords may be input using a plurality of languages.
10. (Currently amended) A method of searching for a function wizard, comprising the steps of:
providing a wizard search dialog;
inputting search keywords;
searching a one or more databases of wizards according to the search keywords;
finding a wizard matching the search keywords; and
invoking the wizard.
11. (Currently amended) A method of searching for a function wizard, comprising the steps of:
providing one or more databases of a plurality of functions;
providing a wizard search dialog;
inputting search terms directed to one of the plurality of functions;
initiating a search within the one or more databases for a function wizard matching one of the plurality of functions based on the search terms;
finding a function wizard matching one of the plurality of functions; and
executing the function wizard.
12. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer perform the steps of:

providing a utility search dialog;
 inputting search keywords directed to one of a plurality of help utilities;
 searching a one or more databases of a plurality of help utilities;
 finding a help utility matching the keywords; and
 executing the help utility.

a' 13. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of Claim 12 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:

determining whether more than one help utility is found matching the keywords;
 displaying all help utilities found to match the keywords; and
 selecting one of all help utilities found to match the keywords.

14. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of Claim 12 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:

if after the step of searching a one or more databases of a plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords, then providing the utility search dialog;
 inputting additional keywords directed to one of the plurality of help utilities; and
 searching the one or more databases of a plurality of help utilities.

15. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of Claim 12 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:

if after the step of searching a one or more databases of a plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords but a related help utility is found, then displaying the related help utility; and
 invoking the related help utility.
~~inputting additional keywords directed to one of the plurality of help utilities;~~
~~searching the database of the plurality of help utilities.~~

16. (Currently amended) A system for searching for ~~an~~ help utility, comprising a computer program module operative:

- to provide a utility search dialog;
- to input search terms directed to one of a plurality of help utilities;
- to search a one or more databases ~~of the~~ a plurality of help utilities;
- to find ~~the~~ a help utility matching at least one of the search terms; and
- to execute the help utility.

17. (Currently amended) The computer program module of Claim 16, further operative:
to determine whether more than one help utility is found matching at least one of the search terms;

- to display all help utilities found to match at least one of the search terms; and
- to select one of all help utilities found to match at least one of the search terms.

18. (Currently amended) The computer program module of Claim 16, further operative:
if after the step of searching a one or more databases of a plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching at least one of the search terms, to provide the utility search dialog;

- to input additional search terms directed to one of the plurality of help utilities;
- to search the databases of a plurality of help utilities.

19. (Currently amended) The computer program module of Claim 16, further operative:
if after the step of searching a one or more databases of a plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching at least one of the search terms but a related help utility is found, to display the related help utility; and

- to invoke the related help utility.
- ~~to input additional search terms directed to one of the plurality of help utilities; and~~
- ~~to search the databases of the plurality of functions.~~

New Claims

20. (New) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer perform the steps of:

providing a utility search dialog;
receiving search keywords directed to one of a plurality of help utilities;
searching at least one database of a plurality of help utilities; and
finding a help utility matching the keywords.

21. (New) The computer readable medium of Claim 20 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:

determining whether more than one help utility is found matching the keywords;
displaying all help utilities found to match the keywords; and
selecting one of all help utilities found to match the keywords.

22. (New) The computer readable medium of Claim 20 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:

if after the step of searching at least one database of a plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords, then providing the utility search dialog;
receiving additional keywords directed to one of the plurality of help utilities; and
searching at least one database of a plurality of help utilities.

23. (New) The computer readable medium of Claim 20 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:

if after the step of searching at least one database of a plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords but a related help utility is found, then displaying the related help utility; and
invoking the related help utility.
